

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

MANTIS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, Plaintiff, v. BEST BUY CO., INC.	Civil Action No. 2:16-cv-00661-JRG-RSP LEAD CASE
HOME DEPOT U.S.A., INC.	Civil Action No. 2:16-cv-00662-JRG-RSP
HSN, INC.	Civil Action No. 2:16-cv-00663-JRG-RSP
JO-ANN STORES, LLC	Civil Action No. 2:16-cv-00664-JRG-RSP
KMART CORPORATION	Civil Action No. 2:16-cv-00665-JRG-RSP

DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

In accordance with the scheduling conference held in this case, it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

Original Date	New Date	Description
December 4, 2017		*Jury Selection – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas
Nov. 13, 2017		*Pretrial Conference – 1:30 p.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Roy Payne
October 30, 2017		*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i> . The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference.

Original Date	New Date	Description
Oct. 30, 2017		*File Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions, Joint Proposed Verdict Form, and Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i>
Oct. 23, 2017		<p>*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting.</p> <p>If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Shelly Holmes, at shelly_holmes@txed.uscourts.gov.</p>
Oct. 16, 2017		<p>File Motions <i>in Limine</i></p> <p>The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.</p>
Oct. 16, 2017		Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
Oct. 9, 2017		Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
Sep. 25, 2017		Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof

		Description
Aug. 14, 2017		<p>*File Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions)</p> <p>No motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.</p>
Jul. 31, 2017		<p>*File Dispositive Motions</p> <p>No dispositive motion may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.</p> <p>Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. <u>Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances require more than agreement among the parties.</u></p>
Jul. 31, 2017		Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
Jul. 17, 2017		Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses
Jul. 3, 2017		Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery
Jul. 3, 2017		Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof

		Description
Jul. 11, 2017	November 18, 2016	Deadline to Complete Mediation The parties are responsible for ensuring that a mediation report is filed no later than 5 days after the conclusion of mediation.
Jul. 5, 2017		Comply with P.R. 3-7 (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)
June 13, 2017		*Claim Construction Hearing – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Roy Payne
May 30, 2017		*Comply with P.R. 4-5(d) (Joint Claim Construction Chart)
May 23, 2017		*Comply with P.R. 4-5(c) (Reply Claim Construction Brief)
May 16, 2017		Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) (Responsive Claim Construction Brief)

		Description
May 2, 2017		<p>Comply with P.R. 4-5(a) (Opening Claim Construction Brief) and Submit Technical Tutorials (if any)</p> <p>Good cause must be shown to submit technical tutorials after the deadline to comply with P.R. 4-5(a).</p>
May 2, 2017		<p>Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production and Exchange Privilege Logs</p> <p>Counsel are expected to make good faith efforts to produce all required documents as soon as they are available and not wait until the substantial completion deadline.</p>
Apr. 18, 2017		Comply with P.R. 4-4 (Deadline to Complete Claim Construction Discovery)
Apr. 11, 2017		File Response to Amended Pleadings
Mar. 28, 2017		<p>*File Amended Pleadings</p> <p>It is not necessary to seek leave of Court to amend pleadings prior to this deadline unless the amendment seeks to assert additional patents.</p>
Mar. 21, 2017		Comply with P.R. 4-3 (Joint Claim Construction Statement)

		Description
Feb. 28, 2017		Comply with P.R. 4-2 (Exchange Preliminary Claim Constructions)
Feb. 7, 2017		Comply with P.R. 4-1 (Exchange Proposed Claim Terms)
Nov. 8, 2016 (Per. Dkt. 38.)		Comply with P.R. 3-3 & 3-4 (Invalidity Contentions)
Sep. 20, 2016	Oct. 21, 2016	Comply with Paragraph 3 of the Discovery Order (Additional Disclosures and accompanying document production)
Sep. 20, 2016	Sep. 23, 2016	<p>*File Proposed Protective Order and Comply with Paragraph 1 of the Discovery Order (Initial Disclosures)</p> <p>The Proposed Protective Order shall be filed as a separate motion with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.</p>
Sep. 13, 2016		<p>*File Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order</p> <p>The Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order shall be filed as separate motions with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.</p>

		Description
Sep. 6, 2016		Join Additional Parties
Sep. 9, 2016 (Per Dkt. 62.)		*File Notice of Mediator
Scheduling Conference Aug. 30, 2016		Scheduling Conference held on Aug. 30, 2016 before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
Aug. 30, 2016 (Per Dkt. 38.)		Comply with P.R. 3-1 & 3-2 (Infringement Contentions)

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Notice of Mediator: The parties are to jointly file a notice that identifies the agreed upon mediator or indicates that no agreement was reached. If the parties do not reach an agreement, the Court will appoint a mediator. The parties should not file a list of mediators to be considered by the Court.

Summary Judgment Motions, Motions to Strike Expert Testimony, and Daubert Motions: For each motion, the moving party shall provide the Court with two (2) copies of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, surreply), excluding exhibits, in D-three-ring binders, appropriately tabbed. All documents shall be single-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. For expert-related motions, complete digital copies of the relevant expert report(s) and accompanying exhibits shall submitted on a single flash drive. These copies shall be delivered as soon as briefing has completed.

Indefiniteness: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

Motions for Continuance: The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;

- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

Amendments to the Docket Control Order (“DCO”): Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of a motion to amend the DCO. The motion to amend the DCO shall include a proposed order that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines and the changes, if any, to those deadlines, rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.

Proposed DCO: The Parties’ Proposed DCO should also follow the format described above under “Amendments to the Docket Control Order (‘DCO’).”

SIGNED this 21st day of September, 2016.



ROY S. PAYNE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE